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Box PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Washington, D.C. 20231 Our Ref: 218TG/48722

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:
Peter HEINRICH et al.

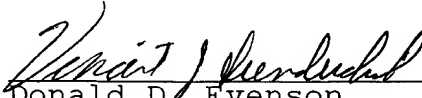
entitled: QUALITY ASSURANCE DURING THERMAL SPRAY COATING BY
MEANS OF COMPUTER PROCESSING OR ENCODING OF DIGITAL
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Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 22 claims (20 pages).
2. 2 Sheets of x Formal Informal drawings
showing Figs. 1 - 3
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (**unexecuted**).
4. Assignment of the invention to Linde Technische Gase GmbH.
5. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37
C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 19910892.7, filed
in Germany on March 11, 1999.

The filing fee is being deferred.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending Application No. 09/118,275 filed on July 17, 1998, for NOVEL ESTERASE AND METHODS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OPTICALLY ACTIVE CHROMAN COMPOUNDS, by the following named inventor(s):

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☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

- (a) Full Name _____
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- (c) Full Name _____

☐ This application is being filed by more than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to add the name(s) of the following person or persons who are inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.



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